

Dear Sir

I have written my conscientious definition of the terms mentioned in your letter, on a separate paper: as you may wish to shew it to real judges of the subject; but here I must thank you in a less serious style for your kind question, "How are you in health?"

as to general Health, it is at present tolerable; but I become every day more lank and feeble: so that at 87 I feel more decrepid than the Patriarch Methusalah at nine hundred & 68, the year before his death. *N.B.* Methusalah was 969 when he died. Gen. c. 5. v. 27.

Adieu Dear Sir

Date, 2^d Postmark,
24 May 1812

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Write, the other side

Reply to Mr. Henry F. Greville's Questions
concerning the import of the following words.

Burletta. from *burlare* Ital. to ridicule. *see la Grusca*
a musical drama generally of 2 act.

Intermezzo. Interlude. *Intermede* Fr. Rousseau. from *intromettere*
la Causca

Opera Buffa from *buffare*, made for laughter or to excite
mirth. *see la Grusca.*

C. B.

Doctor Burney,
idea of a Burletta

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